DOJ and DOI team up for expansion of Tribal access to national crime information database

Aboriginal Shawnee and Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Included in Expansion

(Oklahoma City) The Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) announce a dramatic expansion of the federal government's key program that provides tribes with access to national crime information databases, the Justice Department's Tribal Access Program (TAP). By the end of 2019, the Justice Department will expand the number of TAP participating tribes by more than 50 percent, from 47 tribes to 72.

Two of the new participating tribes are in the Western District of Oklahoma, the Aboriginal Shawnee Tribe and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

"The Absentee Shawnee Tribe is excited about our recent Tribal Access Program Grant. The Tribal Access Program will improve public safety, assist in identifying fugitives from justice, and aid with child protective services and the Tribe's Sex Offender Registration within our Tribal jurisdiction through the access and exchange of critical data," Gov. Edmond Ballinger said.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana also expressed his gratitude for being one of the tribes selected for this expansion.

"The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are extremely pleased we have been selected to participate in the Tribal Access Program," Wassana said. "Throughout Indian Country, tribal justice systems are weighed down by the constant effects of criminal activity. TAP will give the Tribes the ability to access and exchange data with national crime information systems. More than ten tribal programs from our domestic violence program to child protection services will benefit from this grant. I want to recognize the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART), the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), and the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) for their commitment to ensure Tribes have access to the tools needed to improve public safety." Wassana also took time to thank two employees from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Judicial Branch, Paul Fuentes, probation officer and Teresa Faris, the SORNA representative for their many hours of work they put in to secure this opportunity for the tribes.

AIGC's "Know Before U Go" comes to OU on Nov. 3

(Albquerque, N.M) The American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) is sponsoring a Know Before U Go, a free one-day session for American Indian and Alaska Native students from 9th through 12th grade, parents and educators to learn about college preparation, scholarship opportunities and financial literacy. The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3 at the University of Oklahoma, Jim Thorpe Multi-Cultural Center (AIGC) is sponsoring this event.

The Governor has set State Questions 793, 798, 800 and 801 for a vote on the Nov. 6 General Election ballot.

Information on all State Questions can be found on the Website www.ok.gov/gov/questions.aspx. BALLOT TITLE FOR STATE QUESTION NO. 793

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Oklahoma State elections set for Nov. 6 - a look at five state questions on ballot

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October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign to bring awareness to the disease. Breast cancer statistics show that about one in eight women will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of their lifetime and about 2,550 new cases of breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed among men in 2018. With women and men across the nation battling the deadly disease, faith and families have become the foundation of strength.

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness, Tammy Rios, a breast cancer survivor hosted a balloon launch and informational community outreach held on Oct. 18 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Rios, through private donations has made it a mission in her life to share her experience, strength and hope with others who have been diagnosed with breast cancer.

In promoting awareness, pink balloons, clothes and informational booths filled the community hall as speakers came forward and openly shared their experiences in dealing with a loved one being diagnosed with the disease. A balloon release followed to honor and remember the lives of those who have and are currently battling breast cancer.

To help prevent breast cancer, mammograms are encouraged to provide early detection, as well as promoting breast health education and a supportive community.

For more information on breast cancer and prevention visit, www.breastcancer.org

Approximately 85 percent of breast cancers occur in women who have no family history of breast cancer. These occur due to genetic mutations that happen as a result of the aging process and life in general, rather than inherited mutations. There are over 3.3 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for American Indian women. A mammogram may save your life.

American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIAAN) in the United States have unique cancer patterns due to their history and culture, where they live, and how they get health care.

In honor of Indigenous Pink Day, we'll like to bring awareness and recognize National Breast Cancer .
Dementia in Indian Country

By Rhoda Winchester

The most common question I get asked is, “What is the difference between Alz-heimer’s and dementia?”

Dementia is an umbrella term that includes many different types of dementia. Alzheimer’s is one of them. There are many other conditions that have dementia-like symptoms. The difference between these types of dementia is important to know, because the symptoms of each type can vary from one another. Alzheimer’s is one of the most commonly recognized types of dementia.

Alzheimer’s disease is a progressive disorder that affects memory, thinking, and behavior. It is a leading cause of preventable cognitive impairment and death. Alzheimer’s disease is thought to affect more than 5 million people in the United States, and it is predicted to affect as many as 14 million by 2050. Alzheimer’s disease is a leading cause of death for people over the age of 65. It is also the most common cause of cognitive impairment and disability among older adults.

Alzheimer’s disease is a type of dementia that affects the brain. It is caused by the gradual death of brain cells, which leads to a decrease in the production of neurotransmitters and the cell loss in the brain. Alzheimer’s disease is not just a brain disease; it is a systemic disease that affects the entire body. It is characterized by a decrease in cognitive function, memory loss, and changes in behavior.

There are many different types of dementia, and each type has its own symptoms and causes. Alzheimer’s is the most common type of dementia, affecting about 60% of dementia cases. Other common types of dementia include vascular dementia, Lewy body dementia, and parkinson’s disease.

In the late stages of Alzheimer’s disease, people may become confused, have difficulty with language, and experience changes in behavior. They may also have difficulty with thinking, memory, and judgment. In the end stages of Alzheimer’s disease, the disease can progress to the point where the person is no longer able to care for themselves and needs constant care.

The symptoms of Alzheimer’s disease can vary from person to person. Some common symptoms include:

- Memory loss: People with Alzheimer’s disease may have trouble remembering recent events or forgetting things they have recently learned.
- Changes in behavior and mood: People with Alzheimer’s disease may become agitated, confused, or isolated.
- Changes in language: People with Alzheimer’s disease may have difficulty finding the right words or remembering the names of objects.
- Difficulty with tasks: People with Alzheimer’s disease may have trouble doing everyday tasks, such as managing finances or cooking.
- Difficulty with self-care: People with Alzheimer’s disease may have trouble bathing, dressing, or eating.

It is important to note that the symptoms of Alzheimer’s disease can progress at different rates, and some people may have more severe symptoms than others. Therefore, it is important to seek medical attention if you or someone you know is experiencing any of the symptoms of Alzheimer’s disease.

By Blythe Sanders Winchester, MD, MPH, CMD

Six reasons why our relatives stay in abusive relationships

Most people assume leaving an abusive relationship is as simple as "just leave." But, it's not that easy.

According to the National Alliance to End Domestic Violence (NAEDV), one in three women and one in four men experience abuse during their lifetime, and one-third of all women and one-fifth of all men have experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime.

There are several reasons why people stay in abusive relationships, and it can be difficult to understand why someone would choose to stay. Some common reasons include:

1. Fear: Many survivors who stay in abusive relationships may feel that leaving their partner would be too risky or too difficult. They may fear that they would not be able to survive without their partner or that they would be unable to support themselves.

2. Love: Many survivors who stay in abusive relationships may love their partner and want to try to make things better. They may believe that they can change their partner or that they can help their partner change.

3. Children: Many survivors who stay in abusive relationships do so to protect their children. They may be afraid of losing custody of their children or of the children being taken away by Child Protective Services.

4. Financial dependence: Many survivors who stay in abusive relationships are financially dependent on their partner. They may be afraid of losing their home or of being unable to support themselves.

5. Cultural or religious beliefs: Many survivors who stay in abusive relationships do so because of cultural or religious beliefs that encourage or require them to stay in abusive relationships.

6. Social isolation: Many survivors who stay in abusive relationships do so because they feel isolated or unsupported.

It is important to remember that these reasons are not mutually exclusive, and that survivors may have multiple reasons for staying in abusive relationships.

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, it is important to seek help. There are many resources available to help survivors of domestic violence, including hotlines, shelters, counseling, and legal assistance.

By Mallory Black

Legislature Announcement Call for New Bills / Resolutions for 2018

The Constitution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes requires the Legislature to convene in Concho for Regular Sessions. Article VI, Section 6, subsection (a) reads in part: “The Legislature shall convene in Concho for twelve Regular Sessions. Article VI, Section 6, subsection (a) reads in part: “The Legislature shall convene in the Tribal Community.”

The Legislative Process requires “All Bills shall be published in a Legislative Calendar for at least thirty days prior to action in the Bill. All Bills shall be made the subject of a public Legislative Hearing prior to action on the Bill.” Article VI, Section 7, subsection (a) reads in part: “The Deadline to introduce New Bills / RESOLUTIONS for the 12th Regular Session shall be held on Dec. 9, 2018, at 4 p.m., Nov. 5, 2018.”

All due dates for submission for working Session and Public Hearings are established in the 2018 annual legislative calendar.

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RESOLUTIONS

The Legislative process requires that the Tribe continue in the 2018 annual legislative calendar.

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and Alaska Natives born today have a life expectancy that is still 4.2 years less than the U.S. all races population (73.5 years vs. 77.7 years, respectively). It is not a coincidence that our elders are reaching older ages but this may be a reason that our communities had not raised the funding for the elders’ life ease and other dementia until recently. This makes it difficult to “catch up” quickly to what is happening in the rest of the country. I recently gave a presentation of our elders in Wisconsin to some elders in D.C. and after the talk she said, “I don’t ever hear about dementia here. I don’t think we have it.”

During the Q&A session, the friend of the woman asked me questions about her husband who has Alzheimer’s Disease. She told me that she doesn’t share her concerns with others that our family members have memory issues. We assume their memory issues are due to normal aging, or we don’t want to know what is happening to our treasured family members.

“You get diagnosed if there is no cure?” This is the second most common question I get asked. Research is still being done that can help to diagnose memory disorders even before someone has symptoms of memory loss. These are not widely available or covered by insurance companies yet. It is still important to get an accurate diagnosis as early as you can. Many people have a reversible cause of memory loss and if we can catch it quickly it is much easier to address that. If you have memory issues that do not affect your daily life, you may have mild cognitive impairment (MCI). Not everyone who has MCI gets dementia. The estimate is that 1-3% of people over 65 will stay the same, and 1-3% actually get better. We use this diagnosis, or a diagnosis of early-onset Alzheimer’s disease, to help plan for your overall lifestyle and brain/mind health to see what we can help you do to the groups that improve or stay the same. This includes talking about exercise, nutrition, sleep, and other lifestyle changes that help control your blood pressure, control of sugars in diabetes, liver health, medications that can affect your brain, and other risk factors for dementia include having a close family member who has had dementia and having the presence of either of two types of genes. The genes are not routinely tested for yet and are used mostly in research settings. In the future we may be asking for these early identification to help to do your own Alzheimer’s Month I encourage you to think about yourself, your family, and the people you know who may show one or more of the 10 signs of Alzheimer’s Disease and consider taking control to find more information about what could be causing the problem.

The 2015 35th annual National Tribal Law and Order Conference (TAP) was held in Oklahoma City at the Cox Convention Center on Sept. 17- 20. The TAP is the largest yearly gathering of American Indian and Alaska Natives focused specifically on health and public safety.

Pictured is: Admiral Kevin M. Sherry, Deputy Director for Operations, Allen Sutton, Chairman of the Cheyenne River and Arapaho Tribes’ Health Board and Admiral Michael Wadrake, Acting Director.

(Submitted photo)
There wasn’t much Michael Keith Fire, 77 years old, hasn’t seen or experienced in his lifetime, but he is far from being done. Sitting down to share his life’s journey, what stands out immediately is the kindness with-in his eyes as he gazes at you and his gentle, caring voice.

From a 30-year military career and over 50 years in health care, he still found time to continue his education, although his motivation might have come from an incident years prior when a senior in high school.

“I’ve ended up with, I don’t know five or six degrees, three degrees from the University of Oklahoma, two from Oklahoma State University, including a couple of master’s degrees, one being Master of Arts in Health and Human Services and a doctorate in public health. I think it all came from someone trying to tell me in high school my two options after graduating was being an auto mechanic or a baker,” Fire laughingly said.

Fire is a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, born and raised in El Reno, Okla., in a day and time when racism was displayed openly in stores, eating establishments, and schools.

One of seven children, Fire, the youngest, was born to James Vernon and Edna Sand Hill on a spring day in March 1941. “I was born out in the country and then and later came the Concho Boarding School,” Fire said.

Darlington and that’s where the federal government originally put our people was at Darlington and then later moved them to Concho and that’s where the federal government moved their house and built a federal penitentiary and there used to be a German POW camp at Ft. Reno, and right beside Ft. Reno is across the highway from the federal reformatory out there and Ft. Reno is across the highway from the federal penitentiary and there used to be a German POW camp at Ft. Reno, and right beside Ft. Reno is where Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune

Above: Michael Keith Fire at his home in Denison, Texas at the age of 77. (Photo / Rosemary Stephens.)

Left: Fire in El Reno, Okla., at approximately 13-14 years of age. (Submitted photo)

Veteran elder spends life in service of country and others

Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Life’s Journeys

This year’s election is very important for all NATIVE AMERICANS

Protect Your Health Care, Tribal Sovereignty, Land and Water Rights, Tribal Economy & Cultural Recognition

Submitted by Darrell Flyingman, a Proud Cheyenne Warrior

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Citizens

PLEASE VOTE

Election Day: November 6, 2018

Your Vote Counts
**DOMESTIC ABUSE** continues from pg. 1

**STATE QUESTIONS**

Commons: Perspectives on Al Harris Library’s Digital work will be hosted by the symposium. This edited collection of reflections, and creative and Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018. As Symposium 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. (SWOSU) is hosting a 150th can studies, Southwestern the field of Native Ameri

a recognized authority in 19th-century fashion. According to "The Retail Mercantile Establish-

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The National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-SAFE) provides 24/7 support and information to anyone in a violent relationship. The hotline is staffed by trained, confidential counselors who can help survivors navigate the legal system, transport them to safety, or a loved one is in an abusive situation, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or visit their website.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline has provided confidential support to millions of people, and their website includes resources for survivors of intimate partner violence, including safety planning resources, legal information, and referrals to local resources.

**Low Self-Esteem**

It can be hard to watch a friend or relative suffer at the hands of someone they love. Now that we know more about the causes of low self-esteem, it is easier for us to stay in abusive relations. The following are some tips for helping your loved one:

1. **Believe their experiences:** Do not minimize or discount the feelings they report. This is key to their safety and survival, despite their own internalization.

2. **Seek professional help:** Sometimes, it is necessary to turn to a professional for help. A counselor or therapist can provide support and guidance.

3. **Encourage change:** Encourage your loved one to make changes in their life, but also recognize that change is not always easy. It is important to be patient and supportive.

4. **Provide a safe space:** Provide a safe and supportive environment for your loved one to talk about their feelings and experiences.

5. **Support their decision:** Support your loved one in making their own decision, even if it is not the one you would have made.

6. **Seek additional support:** There are many resources available for people in abusive relationships. Encourage your loved one to seek out additional support, such as hotlines, counseling, or support groups.

7. **Take care of yourself:** It is important to take care of yourself as well, and to seek support from friends or family members.

8. **Be patient:** Change takes time, and it is important to be patient with your friend or relative as they work through their situation.

9. **Stay safe:** It is important to stay safe, and to make sure that your friend or relative is safe as well.

10. **Seek legal advice:** If your loved one is in an abusive situation, it may be necessary to seek legal advice. A lawyer can help your loved one understand their legal rights and options.

**Domestic Violence**

The Oklahoma Constitution provides for the establishment of the Domestic Violence Protection Act (DVPA), which includes provisions for protection from domestic violence.

However, the DVPA does not provide for the establishment of a “Domestic Violence Protection Act” in its current form, as passed in 2020.

**Domestic Violence Protection Act (DVPA)**

The Domestic Violence Protection Act (DVPA) is a federal law that provides protections for individuals who are victims of domestic violence. The law requires that states provide domestic violence protection orders to victims of domestic violence.

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Michael Fire goes up for the basket during a game between El Reno High School and Norman High School in 1959.
Prepping for fall at Fall Health Fair
Laveta Lonidze, Staff Reporter

With the holiday season approaching and the weather getting colder, influenza and other sicknesses may lurk around the corner. Health experts and organizations alike are actively working to promote health education and provide resources to communities.

On Oct. 23, health programs turned up and were stationed at the Chief Cornerstone Baptist Church Fall Health Fair in Geary, Okla. The fair was put on by the Cheyenne and Arapaho (C-A) Tribal Health Education Project (TPEP) and Southern Plains Tribal Health Board (SPTHB). TPEP is present to showcase health information, handouts and resources to the public.

“Our objective today is to provide health screening, we are working with the church and with Jay Mule, his church is helping us put together this fall Health Fair,” said Tara Conway, MS, RD, LD, CDE, diabetes educator (CDE) for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Health Education Project.

The fair offered blood pressure and BMI, which is body mass index, screenings to participants. Each participant was provided with healthy eating, being active, monitoring, taking medications, preventing diabetes and healthy coping.

“Follow up appointments are made at one month, three months and six months,” Conway said.

During a recent meeting Kristi discussed the results of these classes. The Clinton Service Unit has had a 70 percent referral rate and 1 month and they want to thank Kristi and recognize her for her hard work in getting this program approved to provide the best services to our tribal nations. If you are interested in attending one of these classes you may contact Kristi Purdy at 405-517-8716. You may also contact the Diabetes Wellness Program.

Other information and tips on health and wellness contacts Tara Conway (405-422-7755) or tammy.lloyd@c-a-tribes.org.

Happy and Health Halloween
Tara Conway, MS, RD, LD, CDE, Chief Nutrition Wellness Program

These health care providers are required to have a co-ordinator who is a certified diabetes educator (CDE) or an experienced health professional with extensive knowledge in diabetes.

These health care providers also have to complete 0.5 continuing education credits per month and sign up for courses to become certified.

Join Clinton Service Unit on Oct. 16 for a capitalism diabetes educator (CDE) or an experienced health professional with extensive knowledge in diabetes. These health care providers are required to have a coordinator or an experienced health professional who would increase their knowledge in diabetes care. One of these classes.

At one month was 27 percent and follow up classes after 6 months was 27 percent. Prior to attending these classes, 41 percent of these participants had poor blood sugar control. After attending classes 47 percent of participants had good blood sugar control. Participants who had good blood sugar between 8 and 9 above saw a reduction as well.

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Happy Birthday to our little swing pilots!  

Michelle first, you, mom, dad, and all your brothers and sisters.

Happy 10th Birthday to Kyndee Hamilton! We love you so much, mom, dad, all your brothers and sisters.

Happy 1st birthday to little Omar! You complete our family! You are our joy, love, and light and we are blessed to watch you grow. We love you so much Baby Boy! Love mom (tisheena) and dad (Omar), siriel. Love, we are blessed.

Happy 5th birthday to an amazing smart boy! May yourrome sameer continue to grow and unlearn many more blessings & a bright future for you. We love you very much, mada, baby daddy boy.

Dartington School September Student of the Month Theme “Caring” 

(Left to Right) Bottom Row:  Breanna Gray (Kindergarten), Jayden Lime (5th Grade), and Yareni Baxcajay (6th Grade).

(3rd Grade), Kaydence Thunderbull (8th Grade), and

Alice Louise Swallow Dec. 19, 1948 Oct. 15, 2018

Wake services were held Oct. 18, 2018 at All Nations Baptist Church in Kingston, Okla. Funeral services were held Oct. 19 at the same venue. Interment followed at Kingston Cemetery.

Minnie Joe Hawkins Sept. 5, 1926  Oct. 18, 2018

Funeral services were held Oct. 27, 2018 at the Smith Funeral Home Chapel in Sapulpa, Okla.

Dolingos & Hinonoei Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Tribune

Nov. 26

Happy Birthday\n
Thank you from the 2018 Native American Church Planning Committee. The Native American Church (NAC) Planning Committee wishes to thank the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Gov. Reggie Wassana of Oklahoma for giving the approval for this Native American Church planning activity.

The 100 Year NAC Commemoration was first established in the State of Oklahoma in 1918. With 22 tribal chapters consisting of Apache, Cheyenne, Comanche, Delaware, Kiowa, Comanche, Ponca, and Ponca Nations. Each of these chapters accepted the invitation to come together to commemorate this historic event by setting up their tribal flags and setting up in the process and join in the program. Along with these six tribal chapters, the program set up by Morgan Littlesun representatives, an Otoe-Missouria Indian Country, which was coordinated with the Cheyenne & Arapaho TribalGov. The 100-Year NAC Commemoration event was set up by Lightfoot Hawkins, Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Gov. in Oklahoma City.

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Debbie Blackbird Watan was born on June 5, 1979 in Oklahoma City. Her mother Lena (Meat) Plentybears of Oklahoma City. She married Albert Windham on Jan. 19, 2003 in Geary, Okla. Debbie attended the Warrior Casino as a cashier. She enjoyed beadwork, dancing, singing, playing hand games, and enjoyed going to the casino.

There were 258 total, however, we noticed that some names were left out. It is an honor to be recognized by the State of Oklahoma to designate Native American Church Chapters for their contributions to Native American Church activities. We wish to thank each and every one of you for your contributions to the Native American Church.

Dolingo's & Hinonoei Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Tribune

November 13th

Happy 5th birthday to an amazing smart boy! May yourrome sameer continue to grow and unlearn many more blessings & a bright future for you. We love you very much, mada, baby daddy boy.

Olivia Rainy Bear was born in Dec. 7, 1974 in Long Creek, Okla. Horse Planters Jr. and Lena Rayna (Nee) Planters. She departed this life on Sun., Oct. 20, 2018 in Oklahoma City. Olivia was raised and attended school in Oklahoma City. She married Albert Coh on Sept. 3, 2004. She enjoyed spending time with her family and kids. Donna was preceded in death by her father Hansil Planters Jr. and one brother Deshaun. Donna is survived by her husband Mr. Brown, her mother Lena Deere of Oklahoma City, seven children, Edward Rainy Bear Planters, Rosie Cobb, Troy Cobb, Laurenace Cobb, Tyce Cobb and Terrence Cobb, all of Oklahoma City, brothers Stanley Planters and Apocka Native and Edward Deere, both of Oklahoma City. Donna was a member of Oklahoma City, Sammy White III of Anadarko, sis-

Winter and John Timmy to congratulate your daughter Kyah Timmy for a career of over 30 years within the State of Oklahoma. She and Seth Windham were crowned Tahlequah Band Rodeo Queen and Queen.

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Happy Birthday to our little swing pilots!  

Michelle first, you, mom, dad, and all your brothers and sisters.

Happy 10th Birthday to Kyndee Hamilton! We love you so much, mom, dad, all your brothers and sisters.

Happy 1st birthday to little Omar! You complete our family! You are our joy, love, and light and we are blessed to watch you grow. We love you so much Baby Boy! Love mom (tisheena) and dad (Omar), siriel. Love, we are blessed.
**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To apply please submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcript, valid copy of driver’s license and a copy of CDIB (if applicable) to the Personnel Department, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or call 405-422-7498 or email atisdale@c-a-tribes.org.

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**Teacher**

**Child Care Program Coordinator**

**Qualifications:**
Required to be 18 years of age or older and possess an AA/AS degree or higher with ECE or CDA. Must maintain current Certified in Mastery in Early Childhood Development, Family, or Child Development Certificate or Accreditation with the State Parent, Teacher or CDA professional Credential. Must possess CPR and First Aid Certification. CPR/First Aid certification is acceptable. Must possess knowledge of developmentally appropriate curriculum and have at least one year of experience in a similar position. Must be familiar with C&A culture, history and traditions of the Arapaho. Must be willing to attend in state and out of state training relevant to job position. Must be able to work independently and be reliable. Basic computer skills and typing are required. Valid Oklahoma driver’s license and a copy of CDIB (if applicable) to the Personnel Department, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or call 405-422-7498 or email atisdale@c-a-tribes.org.

**Salary:** Negotiable

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**Teacher**

**Child Care Program**

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Required to be 18 years of age or older and have a high school diploma or G.E.D. certification. Must obtain CDA or Mastery Certification to maintain employment. Must possess Oklahoma driver’s license, pass a physical exam, and maintain current certified background check and submit to random drug screenings. Must possess knowledge of developmentally appropriate curriculum and have at least one year of experience in a similar position. Must be familiar with C&A culture, history and traditions of the Arapaho. Must be willing to attend in state and out of state training relevant to job position. Must be able to work independently and be reliable. Basic computer skills and typing are required. Valid Oklahoma driver’s license and a copy of CDIB (if applicable) to the Personnel Department, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or call 405-422-7498 or email atisdale@c-a-tribes.org.

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**Custodial/Maintenance Worker**

**Hammon Community Center**

**Closing:** Until filled

**Qualifications:**
High school diploma or G.E.D. required. One year’s experience in custodial work is desirable. Must possess knowledge of developmentally appropriate curriculum and have at least one year of experience in a similar position. Must be familiar with C&A culture, history and traditions of the Arapaho. Must be willing to attend in state and out of state training relevant to job position. Must be able to work independently and be reliable. Basic computer skills and typing are required. Valid Oklahoma driver’s license and a copy of CDIB (if applicable) to the Personnel Department, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or call 405-422-7498 or email atisdale@c-a-tribes.org.

**Salary:** Negotiable

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**Concho Hammon**

** Closing:** Until filled

**Qualifications:**
High school diploma or G.E.D. required. Must have previous experience in custodial work. Must possess knowledge of developmentally appropriate curriculum and have at least one year of experience in a similar position. Must be familiar with C&A culture, history and traditions of the Arapaho. Must be willing to attend in state and out of state training relevant to job position. Must be able to work independently and be reliable. Basic computer skills and typing are required. Valid Oklahoma driver’s license and a copy of CDIB (if applicable) to the Personnel Department, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or call 405-422-7498 or email atisdale@c-a-tribes.org.

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**Manager**

**Certification Clerk**

**Food Distribution Watonga/Clinton**

Closing: Oct. 31, 2018

**Qualifications:**
Why are you an Indian?

"I liked those meals a day, a place to sleep and a salary. I was able to get a job and pay my taxes," he said. "I learned how to read."

What are your favorite athletes?

"I learned how to shoot a gun."

What are your favorite books?

"I learned how to read and write."

What are your favorite movies?

"I learned how to speak English."

What are your favorite TV shows?

"I learned how to watch TV."

What are your favorite games?

"I learned how to play."

What are your favorite hobbies?

"I learned how to fish."

What are your favorite sports?

"I learned how to play."

What are your favorite teams?

"I learned how to support them."

What are your favorite colors?

"I learned how to paint."

What are your favorite foods?

"I learned how to cook."

What are your favorite drinks?

"I learned how to drink."

What are your favorite activities?

"I learned how to play."

What are your favorite places to visit?

"I learned how to travel."

What are your favorite ways to relax?

"I learned how to rest."

What are your favorite ways to stay healthy?

"I learned how to exercise."

What are your favorite ways to stay strong?

"I learned how to be strong."

What are your favorite ways to stay happy?

"I learned how to be happy."

What are your favorite ways to stay alive?

"I learned how to be alive."

What do you do for a living?

"I am a doctor."

What is your favorite part of your job?

"I like helping people."

What is the most challenging part of your job?

"I have to deal with difficult patients."

What do you like most about your job?

"I enjoy helping people."

What do you dislike most about your job?

"I don't like dealing with difficult patients."

What is your favorite way to spend your free time?

"I like to read."

What is your favorite way to travel?

"I like to drive.

What is your favorite way to communicate?

"I like to talk."

What is your favorite way to stay connected with friends and family?

"I like to call them."

What is your favorite way to keep in touch with loved ones?

"I like to text them."

What is your favorite way to stay up to date on current events?

"I like to read the news."

What is your favorite way to stay informed about new developments in your field?

"I like to attend conferences."

What is your favorite way to stay healthy and fit?

"I like to exercise."

What is your favorite way to stay mentally sharp?

"I like to read."
Dean’s Drive Thru Pawn Shop, Capitol Hill set to celebrate 50th anniversary giving away hundreds in gift certificates, prizes and more

“I began to recognize a growing language barrier without our customers so I added Jose Herrera as our first bilingual team member in 1995. Jose grew up in the Capitol Hill area. He was and still is one of the finest and soft spoken employees I have ever had the pleasure of working with. He is a great asset and his rapport with our customers is outstanding," Fisher said.

The youngest team members are Jose Perez and Vanessa Ramirez. "They bring such a breath of fresh ideas and energy to the team. I have been with him for five years and Vanessa for one year. They are both new and seasoned individuals I have ever met," Fisher said.

After 25 years in the business, Dean retired in 1994 at the age of 52. He offered his 30-year-old son, Brett, the opportunity to buy the business and property with a 10 percent investment over the next 20 years and Brett accepted. Just two short years later, Dean lost his battle to cancer in February 1996. Brett’s goal was to pay off the note by his 50th anniversary and bring the go-getter that he is, he did.

Dean had always, and Fisher continues to play an active role in the Oklahoma Pawnbrokers Association. Dean was a founder, served on the board, and as President. Fisher continued as the Oklahoma Pawnbroker of the Year award in 1997, was elected as 2000 – 2001 president, served as treasurer for eight years.fisher continued to serve on the board. He is a member of the South Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, and Historic Capitol Hill Bid District.

In true form and fashion, as this interview came to a close, a member wanted to thank everyone for their business, his wife, Darnella, family, and the entire Dean’s Drive Thru Pawn Shop team.